

## Play 'Blithe Spirit' On May 4 Schedule

"Blithe Spirit," an improbable farce by Noel Coward, will be presented in the auditorium on Friday, May 4, at 8 p.m. by the dramatics department.

The cast has made its own flats, piano, and tables for the ultra-modern setting of the play. They are also creating their own costumes under the direction of Mrs. Elaine Watt, speech instructor.

Cast membership includes Darol Valder as Charles Condomine, Joan Allen as his wife, Edna Skobo as Alvira, D'Arlene Morton as Madam Arcadi, Milt Jensen as Dr. Bradman, Arnette Thim as his wife, and Carol Pedersen as Edith. Phil Pagel is serving as student director.

The plot concerns Condomine who is looking for jargon for a mystery story and decides to hold a seance to aid him. During the seance his first wife is contacted. She in turn wants to bring him into the spirit world and plots his murder. By mistake, however, she murders his present wife. The result is that Condomine is haunted by both of them.

## Donations Add To Danish Collection

Additions to the meagre Danish collection of the library have been made recently. The A. E. Figge family, formerly of Los Angeles, presented 350 or 400 volumes.

The books, many with beautiful colored bindings, contain both fiction and non-fiction. Besides original Danish works, there are translations of books from the Danish, Swedish, Russian, Norwegian, French, English and American authors. One of the most interesting of the translations is a set of **Don Quixote** for adults, and a similar set of the same work arranged for children.

Various phases of Danish literature, including drama, poetry, and prose, are represented in the original Danish works. There is also a well-illustrated set on natural history, and a few small sets of encyclopedias.

Two travel books by Martin Johnson, **Lions and Safari**, are among the selections. Dimmock's **Spejdem Paa Robinson Oen** (**Lone Scouts of Crusoe Island**) and wild west stories are examples of the wide range of subject matter.

## News Notes

Two carloads of seminary students traveled to St. Paul, Nebraska, Monday to work on the new church which is being erected there. The church is being built largely by volunteer labor.

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## Variety Show Curtain Time Set For 8 Sharp Tonight

Tonight at 8 o'clock, the Pep Club members will present a Variety Show which includes acts with Martians, musical selections, and varied comedy scenes. Admission will be 25 cents per person, no special rates for couples.

This is the first full-scale program to be attempted by the club which is new on the campus this year. The members have been evident in other ways on the campus, however. They sold programs at Homecoming, formed an active cheering section during the basketball season, and collected green stamps to raise money for the purchase of suitcases for the use of the athletic teams in traveling.

The program features some of the favorite entertainers on campus such as the combo which has been christened the "Corduroys." Other acts are numbers by the Pep Club's Hobo Band which was created by the members, a selection by singer Dick Jensen, a yodeling scene by Dale Larsen, and the appearance of the "Hoidahl and Hengeveld" comedy team.

Other faculty and student talent will also be presented and introduced by emcee Larry Jorgensen.

## Pilot-Study Group Has First Meeting

First meeting of the pilot study group for the Liberal Arts Reading Program met on Thursday, April 19, for discussion on Hawthorne's **The Scarlet Letter**. Dr. Rasmussen was the chairman of the first session.

The study group consists of eight students, including at least one from each class and four instructors, each of whom will be chairman for one of the four sessions of the pilot study.

Before the discussion began on the classic itself, Dr. Rasmussen explained the reason for the pilot group. During the discussion, the students will present their opinions as to plans and procedures that they feel will be most successful in achieving the purpose of the Program, and will make any suggestions they believe will help to make the Program valuable and interesting.

## Campus Calendar

Friday, April 27

Pep Club Party, 8 p.m., gym

Tuesday, May 1

Baseball, Midland, here

Thursday-Friday, May 3-4

Senior Graduate Record Exams

## 'Fantasy' Theme Is May Fest Setting

"Fantasy" is the theme which will be used for this year's May Fest celebration according to Bob Krogh, general committee chairman. Highlighting the week-end's activities is the crowning of the royalty which will take place in the auditorium on Saturday, May 5, at 8:15 p.m. with additional activities scheduled for Sunday. The reason for the late hour is that a conference track meet and a tennis meet are being held that day.

Other committee chairmen working on the event are Gordon Christiansen and Larry Jorgensen, program; Joan Coffey, decorations; Jack Lodi and Edna Skobo, publicity; Nellie Faye Larsen and Barbara Whiteside, food; Lavonne Petersen, tickets; and Ron Siersbeck, clean-up. Rev. William Thomsen is faculty advisor.

Admission charge will be 50 cents per person or 85 cents per couple.

## All Students Given End-Of-Year Talks

End-of-the-year conferences will be held for all students and not only returning students as erroneously reported in last week's **Hermes**. The reason for including all students (except graduating students who will have a conference to get their report on the results of the Graduate Record Exams) is that the administration needs to get information from all students which will help them to write more complete letters of recommendation to prospective employers.

Important in this respect is a knowledge of participation in college activities, which will be received from each student during the conference. Other things too may be gained from these conferences which will enable Dana to improve its program for the benefit of her students.

## LSA Plans To Host October Conference

LSA officers have announced that it will be host for the fall Conference of the Midwest Region LSA. The announcement came after delegates at the Little Ashram held in Kansas last week-end accepted the invitation extended by the Dana delegates.

The conference, the first of three meetings held each year by the region, is tentatively scheduled for the week-end of October 5-7. It will be the first time in approximately four years that Dana has been host to a conference.

## Sower Material In Hands of Langland

Material for the **Sower** has been sent to Prof. Joseph Langland so that he can pick the winners of the annual Langland Awards in poetry and in prose. Langland is currently studying in Salerno, Italy, as the winner of the Amy Lowell Fellowship in poetry for one year's study abroad. He is a former Dana professor.

Approximately fifteen students have contributed manuscripts for inclusion in the anthology, according to editor Darol Valder. This year's **Sower** will include art work and music selections, in addition to the literary pieces. The material ranges from "whimsical to science fiction horror to a sweet plain tale of a little kitten."

Other staff members are Mary Jo Andrews and Barbara Peterson, associate editors; and Jack Linahan, art editor. Mr. Norman Bansen is serving as advisor.

At the present time, a committee is working on the judging of a selection for the Hal Cole Award for the outstanding creative composition in the entire work. The winner will be announced at the same time the Langland Award winners, are.

Approximate publication date is May 15.

## Middlers Have Intern Assignments

Dr. T. I. Jensen, dean of Trinity Seminary, has announced the internship assignments of the seminary middlers for the coming year.

William King will go to Portland, Oregon, to intern under Scriver Kloth, and Daniel Hansen will be in North Hollywood, California, under Adolph Kloth, pastor. Ralph Spear will intern in Cedar Falls, Iowa, under Homer Larsen, and Laverne Nielsen will serve in Racine Wisconsin, at Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

## Campus Activities Add To Joys of Class Attending

Many things in and around the campus add to, or distract from, the joys of attending classes where Danians madly take notes (which are later discarded) to keep from falling fast asleep.

For instance, in wandering here and there while killing time between classes, have you ever checked how Old Main rocks and rolls when the combo or some future Liberace gives out with that old shake, rattle, and roll? One of these days the bricks will really fly!

### Missed?

Now that the choir members have returned from their little jaunt, there are few who fail to realize how much their presence adds to the singing in chapel—or to filling the dining hall. Who would've thought that forty-eight people could make so much difference? (Of course, we did have fun while they were gone—can't let them get conceited, you know.)

In case you've been missing out on the strange appearance of some people lately, your attention is being directed toward the strange actions and attire of those practicing for such things as the Pep Club Variety Show, May Fest, and "Blithe Spirit." Martians are bad enough, but whoever ordered the ghosts can send them back again! At least they should confine them to materializing during practice only—after all, we aren't all equipped with iron constitutions!

### Excuses?

Perhaps Dean Rasmussen (Elmer, that is) has the opportunity to enjoy certain phases of college life that most of us only have a small part in—that of issuing absence reports to straying students. The enjoyment occurs in connection with the varied reasons he hears for missing class. For example, oversleeping is one thing, but how does one manage to over-sleep for a 3:10 class? Then, too, there is the tale of the student who didn't get to class because the class moved around faster than he was able to catch up with it. Interesting, to say the least!

Those of you who are enrolled in education courses under the hands of Miss Mack no doubt understand the strange sounds and sights which sometimes occur in her room, but to those of us "on the outside," the room is full of mysteries. Through the window one can witness the transformation of college students to kindergarten-gardeners—all in one swift moment. Wonders never cease, they say, and this seems to prove it!

## Can Christians Be Conformists?

### Paul Says "Be Transformed . . ."

**I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (ROMANS 12:1-2)**

Are Christians conformists? Perhaps it would be more to the point to ask if Christians can be conformists, and still claim the title of "Christian." St. Paul has clearly indicated that we should not conform, but be transformed.

In this twelfth chapter of Romans, Paul has appealed to us, through the mercies of God, to show what is the will of God. The method we are to use to achieve this is our own transformation, by the renewal of our mind.

### Easy to Conform

As students, many of us don't like to "be different." It is always easier to be one of the crowd. Perhaps on a Christian college campus we are not faced with as many of these questions—"Shall I go with them on a wild party?" or "Shall I stay home tonight?"—as we would be on a larger campus.

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## Snooping Around Other Campuses

**Not the Type of Pet You'd want to Pet**

Brookings, S. D.— (ACP) — The South Dakota Collegian reports that a student at South Dakota State College has received an alligator with the beguiling name of Obert as a pet. At last report, the 'gator hadn't grown too much, but he was getting livelier.

Maybe this guy plans to grow his own luggage.

### At Random

Cincinnati, Ohio— (ACP) — A couple of definitions from Bruce Amand's "And All That" column in the University of Cincinnati's News Record:

**Honest Politician:** One who when he's bought, stays bought.

**Chaperone:** A woman who

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## Letter To The Editor . . .

**Ed. note: Various people have stopped in this office wondering why "there's no chapel tonight." The last group, unnamed by request, left the following comments.**

There has been discussion on campus among groups concerning the negligence involved in holding student chapel. Of those who attend, it has been an experience of great satisfaction, and lack of these services has been a big disappointment.

What can be the cause? Is it lack of time? Of interest? Of speakers?

There seems to be a lot of things going on, but student chapel is an opportune time to close the day spiritually.

The discussion about absence of chapel points out that there is an interest in this matter.

There are great numbers of good speakers available to be asked—but why not volunteer?

Let's all try to get active student chapel back on Dana's campus!

### Those Interested

## The Hermes



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## Choir Tour Days Leave Scenes for Memorybook

Now that the choir has returned to Dana's halls of ivy, the concerts and trip are only memories. Looking back on the tour, sketches of scenes come to mind . . .

As we drove along and neared Racine, we made a game of counting beer cans in the ditches to tease the Wisconsinites, reminding them that dairying isn't the state's only significant industry.

Dale Larsen kept the bus lively with his guitar playing, making a fine duo with Dave Larsen and his uke. Dale managed to make it lively in other ways, too—by dangling a snake in front of girls' noses, finally dumping it through a window on the bus!

Don, our driver, heard Jim Sorenson talking about ableskiver. Who's that?" he asked. He'd heard of Larsens and Petersens, but never of a Dane named ableskiver.

In Chicago we wandered around in the Museum of Science and Industry for several hours. Here we had a chance to visit 1910 by watching a thrilling silent movie, "The Great Train Robbery," for the small sum of five cents. As we wandered around in groups the rumor spread that Mr. Neve had found a comfortable chair somewhere and had fallen asleep—We're still not sure, for we saw him walking around a little while later.

Two picnics were held the last two days of the tour—in different settings, perhaps, but the menu was the same followed by a rousing softball game which resulted in many sore muscles.

### Aromas delightful

Educational features were also included in the trip, but we're not quite certain we appreciated smelling like rubber after the Firestone Co. tour or like a packing plant after visiting one—the wood smoke aroma after each picnic, however, was different.

One of the "major" events was the turtle race at Lost Island Lake. The final winners were sponsored by Larry Vedsted and John Petersen.

Ritual before each concert was about the same, including one vital, indispensable ceremony—Barty's rounds with the throat spray!

The most hilarious distraction probably occurred in Cedar Falls when a train whistled each time the pitch was given. As no one could keep in tune with the train, the notes had to be given again and again. The train finally gave up, but not without a struggle.

All in all, however, the biggest thrill was to present our concert each evening—an inspiration for us, and, we hope, for our audience.

Barbara Peterson

## Viking Trackmen Enter The Annual Doane Relay Meet

Coach Wayne Armer's cindermen will travel to Crete, Nebraska next Tuesday for the Doane Relays. The annual event, which has grown to some considerable importance in the Nebraska college sports picture, will draw entries from a six state area, and will give some of the small college track powers a chance at one another for the first time this season.

Kearney States 120 man squad will be the team to beat unless powerful Fort Hays State returns to the meet after a years absence. Other teams with strong entries are Omaha University, Wayne State, Nebraska Wesleyan and Tarkio.

## Owls Stop Vikes In Tarkio Meet

Tarkio College firmly established itself as the team to beat in the CCCC track argument last Friday downing Dana and Graceland, 48½-46½-38 in a triangular on the Tarkio oval.

Marion Hudson, resting up for an appearance at the Kansas Relays Saturday, competed in only five field events, scoring five firsts and 25 points.

As a team the Vikings scored 33½ points in the field events, and scored 13 markers on the track to improve somewhat on recent showings at Kearney and Wayne.

How they placed:

**100 yards:** Rod Wead, 10.1, second.

**880 yards:** John Hollenbach, 2:05.5, first.

**Low hurdles:** Marv Olson, third.

**Broad jump:** Hudson, 22'11½", first; Cliff Sorensen, 20'8", second.

**High jump:** Hudson, 6'1", first; Tom Langenfeld, 5'11", second (tie).

**Shot put:** Hudson, 42'11½", first; Ron Patrick, third, Dale Jensen, fourth.

**Discus:** Hudson, 132'10", first (new Dana record).

**Javelin:** Hudson, 177' ", first.

**Mile relay:** Ellis, Sorensen, Wead and Hollenbach, second.

Marion Hudson will be out to break his meet records in the high jump and broad jump and defend his titles in the broad jump and 100 yard dash.

Dana will have entries in all the field events except the pole vault and all the relay contests, including the 440 and 880 yard relays, sprint medly and distance medly races.

All field event finals except the pole vault will be held in the afternoon, with the running finals at night.

## Hudson to Appear At Drake Relays

Marion Hudson will take a shot at this country's top collegiate performers in four events at the Drake Relays this weekend. In his third appearance at Drake Hudson will be trying for medals in the javelin, high jump, broad jump and hop-step and jump. He won the javelin throw two years ago, before the introduction of the "Held javelin," and placed in the high jump in the same meet.

Vying in the same four events last week at the Kansas relays, he finished well up among those outside the money in the spear tossing event, but a bruised heel incurred during the broad jump trials spoiled his chances in the jumping events.

It is not known to what extent the heel injury will bother

## Extra Inning Contest Goes To Bulldogs On Late Rally

For 11 innings last Saturday Concordia and Dana battled on even terms, before a 12th inning gave Concordia a 9-5 victory over the Vikings. Each team compiled four runs during the regular nine innings.

Roger Jensen started for the Vikes and held things even until the game went into extra innings when he was relieved by Bill Davis.

Then in the top of the 12th Concordia exploded for five runs. Dana came back to salvage one run off Concordia reliefer Dave Faszholz in the bottom of the inning.

Gunnar Nyholm paced the Viking hitters.

Hudson at Drake, but the senior cinder star hopes that a generous distribution of sponge rubber in the heel of his left shoe will take care of the matter.

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Two home games will be on tap this week for Dana's baseballers as they play host to Midland on Tuesday and Doane on Friday. Both games will be return contests.

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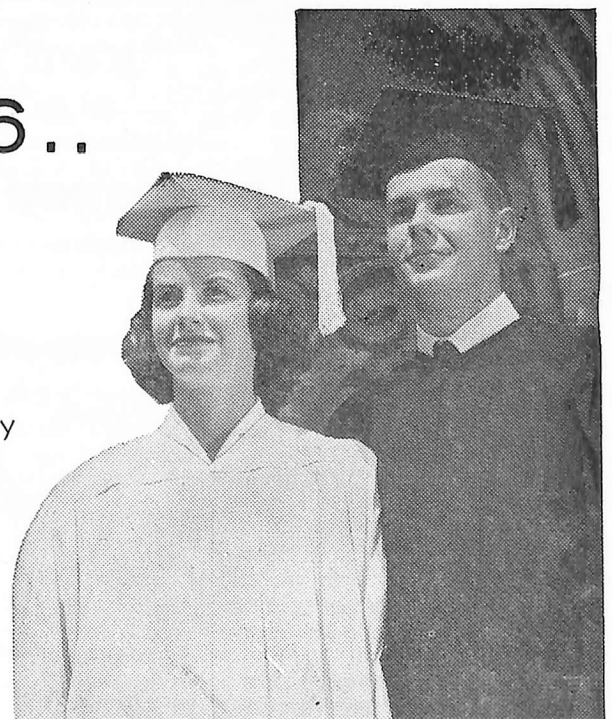
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**SNOOPING**

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keeps young girls from doing what she did at their age.

**The Meaning of Meaning**

Worcester, Mass.— (ACP) — An editorial writer for the Becker Junior College Journal thumbed through Esar's Comic Dictionary and came up with a few entertaining descriptions. Some selections follow:

"Have you thought of college as a mental institution where ignorance is put on an efficiency basis? You might be interested in knowing just what education is. It's called the training that enables people to get along without intelligence.

Etiquette is a well-known word in the young adult vocabulary. Setting it to humor, it's called the art of yawning without opening your mouth. A professor can be identified as a textbook wired for sound. For those taking one of the secretarial courses: shorthand is a great blessing to a business girl, especially if she can't spell.

To sum it all up—wisdom is defined as knowing when to appear ignorant and knowing when to speak your mind and when to mind your speech.

**Why Policemen (And House-mothers) Grow Gray**

Austin, Texas— (ACP) —It's taken nearly a year, but the Daily Texas has finally made public the story of the University of Texas' mysterious dormitory prowler. Here's the way they tell it:

It was one of those cool November days last fall, close to the Thanksgiving holidays. Girls at one of the campus dormitories listened to radio reports of a patient's escape from the Austin State Mental hospital, laughing, discussing and then discarding them.

About 6:00, one of the girls, dressed in levis, a man's white shirt, with her head wrapped in a bandanna, stepped from her second-story room onto the porch roof to dry her freshly washed and rolled hair.

On impulse, she ran across the roof and tapped on one of the windows in the opposite wing. The girl who was studying at the desk by the window dropped her book and ran down the hall, screaming "Crazy man" . . . a cry which soon spread over the entire second floor.

The girl on the roof had just ducked back into her room when the house mother came running. Quieting the hysterical girls, she called the police.

Night found the rooms along the south porch deserted, with girls crowded six deep in the north rooms. That is, all except the girl with the roll-up hair and her equally brave roommate.

**Cleanup Labor Is Appreciated**

As chairman of clean-up day, I'm taking this opportunity to thank all students and faculty who participated in making clean-up day a success last Wednesday.

I would especially like to thank Mrs. Carter for her donation of five dollars to buy flowers, to Arnold Nielsen who spent much time and effort in helping set up the jobs which were done, and to Mr. Bansen for all his help.

Vern Flesner

**BE TRANSFORMED**

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And yet, we do have these decisions to make every day. It is up to us to remember this, and once again, we may follow the advice of St. Paul when we are looking for a way to strengthen ourselves in this matter.

By taking stock of ourselves we will be able to think more soberly, in relation to the amount of faith we have, rather than in relation to what others around us do. We ought also to remember that we are a part of a large body of Christians. If this entire body conforms to the world, it will no longer stand apart from the world, as a group to be looked up to.

Each one of us must, therefore, deem it an individual duty, that, as members of the Body of Christ, we do not conform, but are transformed in our Christian life.

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